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## SUNHATS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that everyone is expected to wear a bucket hat at school. We encourage children to keep their hats at school and to make sure that they are named. We have some sun block at school, however we encourage parents to put sunblock on their children at home before they come to school. Toko School sunhats can be purchased from the office for \$14.00



Welcome to Korban G, Kayla and Korban C and Euan and Alex G and their families to Toko School - Happy School days!!!

## Weetbix Tryathlon

Entries are now open for the 2018 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon. This event will take place on Wednesday the 28th of March 2018. Our school is now registered for this event. If you are registering your own children, please enter Toko School into the schools box so we can be in to win some prizes.



## GOING HOME AFTER SCHOOL

It is expected that if your child's after school transport arrangements differ from the norm, that a note or e.mail is sent to school explaining this. This is very important. Children get confused and so do staff when after school arrangements are not consistent. If we do not receive a note we will default to the usual transport arrangements.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

## Dear Parents and friends of our School Hello/Kia Ora/Konichiwa Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a very warm new school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and have enjoyed spending time catching up with friends and family. A very special welcome to our new school families.

Over the holiday period the roof over Room 1 and 2 was repitched and replaced. New spouting has been added to the main building, new wall coverings in the library and main corridor and all our school meter boards have been upgraded. As always we have families and friends of the school that lend a hand over the holidays spraying, weeding gardens and looking after the chickens. We really appreciate all that you contribute.

The school pool has been well used over the holiday period and most of the time the pool and surrounding area is used appropriately. Please keep an eye out and report any damage or people acting inappropriately on our school grounds. Roy has done a wonderful job as our pool custodian which has enabled all in our community to enjoy the pool over this very hot summer.

As mentioned at the end of last year congratulations to Shannon O'Brien who has been appointed Principal at Kakaramea School. A special farewell assembly is planned for Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm, followed by a community afternoon tea in the school hall.

## WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF

Just a reminder about who is working at Toko School

Principal	Kim Waite
Year 7 - 8 Teacher	Sasha Hancock, Associate Principal
Year 6 Teacher	Rebecca Jury
Year 4 - 5 Teacher	Maree Stark
Year 3 - 4 Teacher	Sue Fergus, Associate Principal
Year 2 Teacher	Jolynne Mancer
New Entrant/Year 1 Teacher	Rebecca Bright
Office Manager	Annette Hinton
Support Staff	Margaret Mason/Treena Cullen
Support Staff	Debbie Stone/Karen Bellamy
School Cleaner	Delwyn Taylor
Part-Time Staff	Kathy Wyllie

SENCO - Special Needs Education Co-ordinator Alison Eagar

Congratulations to Mrs Fergus and Mrs Hancock who will be sharing the Associate Principals role. Mrs Fergus will have responsibility for Year 1 – 4 and Mrs Hancock will have responsibility for Year 5 – 8. As always, if you have a query or concern, your first port of call is your child's classroom teacher. Your next step after this is either Mrs Fergus or Mrs Hancock and finally the Principal.

**Toko School  
Trail Bike Ride  
SUNDAY 11th February  
2018**

**\*\*NO SIDE BY SIDES\*\***

9.30am start (signposted from Toko)  
Start & finish at old Tututawa  
School

\$25/rider main track (no  
passengers)

\$5 kids track

Gates close 1.30pm

Refreshments available

**Also needed: people to  
help out on the day for  
registrations, being a  
marshall on the course  
and BBQ/selling food.**

**Please contact Alison if  
you can help:**

**[alison.eagar@toko.school.nz](mailto:alison.eagar@toko.school.nz)**

**Notices going home today:**

- Year 3 - 6 - Camp Information
- Year 6 - Beach Education Trip planned for Friday 9th February
- 2018 Tennis Draw
- Invitation to Miss O'Briens farewell - Thursday 8th February
- BYOD user Agreement for new users
- Cybersafety Policy for families that have not already signed this form

**WATER BOTTLES**

We would really like to see every child at school with a named drink bottle. We will be encouraging staff and students to be drinking water on a regular basis during the day.



**HOT FOOD AT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS:** Children can bring food to go in the pie warmer on Wednesdays, starting next week. Please can pies be in their packets or wrapped in tin foil. Also, no crockery plates as they get very hot and the children can't hold them. They also take up a lot of room in the warmer.

**WHEELS WEDNESDAY:** Every Wednesday, children are encouraged to bring their bike/scooter/skateboard/rollerblades to school to use on the basketball court. Helmets must be worn.

**COVERING CHILDREN'S BOOKS** –All exercise books will be sent home on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to be covered over the weekend. Our website has some good links to reusable covers.

**SWIMMING:** Please make sure that your children's towels, togs and goggles are named. We will be providing a swimming coach, three times a week for six weeks to work with groups of children from Year 1 – 5. This starts next week. Flyers Swim School will be providing the lessons. As a school we follow the New Zealand Swim Safe programme. The children work through a module skills system that is supported by teacher notes. Each child in our school receives, on entry, a swimming certificate to track progress across the school. This is kept by the teacher in a clear file and moves with the child as they move through the school. All our staff have had training in this programme.

**INITIAL LEARNING JOURNEY MEETINGS YEAR 1 - 8:** This will be held from the 12th - 14th February. Bookings for school interviews are online. To book an interview please go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code), the interview number will be **a6yug**. From there you will be asked your name, email address (for an email to be sent to confirm your booking) and then you can select an interview time. If you have no internet access or have any difficulty whatsoever please contact Annette in the office. Bookings are now open.

This meeting is a new addition to our Reporting to Parents Policy, based on feedback from our 2017 Community Survey. We expect that every family will make interviews with their children's classroom teacher. This is for the whole school. The purpose of this meeting is for parents, with their children, to share and discuss goals for 2018, to discuss strengths, interests and areas of support you feel your child needs. A form will be sent home next week to prompt your thinking, which you are encouraged to bring to the meeting.

**BYOD – BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE – YEAR 4 - 8:** Just a reminder that if children have a device at home they are allowed to bring these for learning purposes at school. All children who have a device will be required to sign a user agreement which we will send home today.

**DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP POLICY:** Attached to this newsletter is our schools Digital Citizenship Policy to those families new to our school. We ask that you read through this and discuss the Responsible Use Agreement with your children. We will also be discussing this and referring to it on a regular basis at school. Can you please sign and return the *Parent Declaration* section of this policy. This is available on our website if existing families wish to re read.

**HEADPHONES:** If your children have a set of headphones at home and you are happy for them to bring them to school please do so. We have 5 headsets per class but find we are using these more and more with our new devices and the introduction of BYOD. If your child brings a headset to school please make sure it is named.

**SUBSCRIBING TO YOUR CHILD'S BLOG AND THEIR CLASS BLOG**

All our classes have a class blog and Year 4 - 8 children also have an individual blog. This blog will keep you updated with learning and events in the class, so it's a simple and effective way to know what's going on and what your children are learning.. Subscribing to these blogs will mean you get an email whenever something new is posted. To subscribe, simply go to the blog (these can be found on our webpage under the heading 'Our School') and find the '**sign up by email**' button. There is a link on our website - **LATEST NEWS** with step by step instructions on how to sign up. All parents will need to sign up to **class blogs** again, even if they have before, as we reset the class blogs for the new year and new class of students.



